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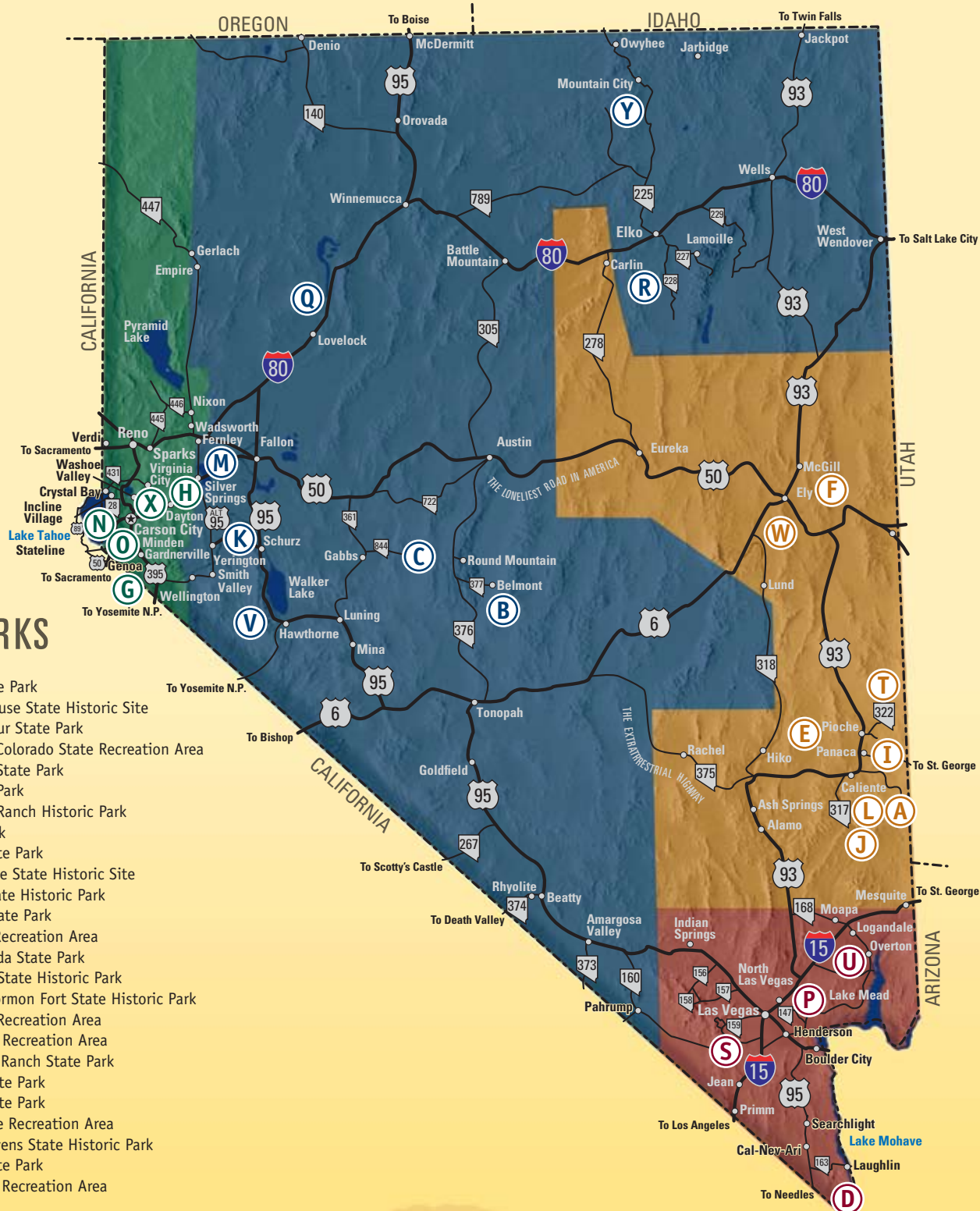
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FACILITIES AND AMENITIES	CAMPING	RV DUMP STATION	FLUSH RESTROOMS	CABINS	GROUP CAMPING	SHOWERS	PICNICKING	GROUP PICNICKING	VISITOR CENTER	BOAT LAUNCH	TRAILS	HISTORIC SITES	NATURE STUDY	SWIMMING	FISHING	FISH CLEANING STATION	MAXIMUM SIZE RV SPACE
WESTERN NEVADA (Carson Region)																	
Dangberg Home Ranch Historic Park												•	•			•	N/A
Dayton State Park	•	•	•				•	•			•	•	•		•		35'
Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park	•1		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		N/A
Mormon Station State Historic Park			•				•	•	•			•					N/A
Washoe Lake State Park	•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•		•	•	•		45'
CENTRAL/NORTHERN NEVADA (Fallon Region)																	
Belmont Courthouse State Historic Site											•	•					N/A
Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park	•	•			•		•		•		•	•	•				25'
Fort Churchill State Historic Park	•	•			•		•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•		45'
Lahontan State Recreation Area	•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•		•	•	•		60'
Rye Patch State Recreation Area	•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•		•	•	•	•	45'
South Fork State Recreation Area	•	•	•		•	•	•			•	•		•	•	•		30'
Walker Lake State Recreation Area							•			•				•	•		N/A
Wild Horse State Recreation Area	•	•	•		•	•	•			•	•		•	•	•	•	45'
EASTERN NEVADA (Panaca Region)																	
Beaver Dam State Park	•				•		•	•			•		•	•	•		28'
Cathedral Gorge State Park	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•				40'
Cave Lake State Park	•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•		•	•	•	•	35'
Echo Canyon State Park	•	•	•	•2	•		•	•		•	•		•	•	•	•	35'
Elgin Schoolhouse State Historic Site							•				•	•					N/A
Kershaw-Ryan State Park	•	•	•				•	•			•		•	•			N/A
Spring Valley State Park	•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	35'
Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park	•			•3			•				•	•	•		•	•	30'
SOUTHERN NEVADA (Las Vegas Region)																	
Big Bend of the Colorado State Recreation Area	•4	•	•		•	•	•			•			•	•	•		60"
Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park			•						•			•					N/A
Spring Mountain Ranch State Park			•				•	•	•		•	•	•				N/A
Valley of Fire State Park	•4	•	•		•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•				50'

1: Primitive hike-in camping only.  
2: Trailer, not cabins.

3: Yurt, not cabins.  
4: Some sites with utility hookups.

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natural wonders, get a taste of the

state's rich culture and so much more.

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Beaver Dam State Park

## BEAVER DAM STATE PARK — **EASTERN NEVADA**

**c/o Cathedral Gorge State Park**

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**[parks.nv.gov/bd.htm](http://parks.nv.gov/bd.htm)**

Beaver Dam State Park is eastern Nevada's most remote park – its primitive and rustic character will impress nature enthusiasts and hikers alike. The immense 5,500-acre park borders Utah and is approximately 34 miles east of Caliente. Its primary features include deep canyons, piñon and juniper forests, a tranquil stream and numerous beaver dams. The park offers fishing, camping, picnicking, hiking, photography and nature study. Facilities include campgrounds, a group use area, a day use picnic area, and hiking and interpretive trails. Beaver Dam is located six miles north of Caliente on U.S. 93, then 28 miles east on a graded gravel road. The park is open all year, but travel may be hampered in the winter.





Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park

## BELMONT COURTHOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE — CENTRAL/NORTHERN NEVADA

c/o Fallon Region Headquarters

16799 Lahontan Dam, Fallon, NV 89406

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[parks.nv.gov/bc.htm](http://parks.nv.gov/bc.htm)

Built in 1876, the Belmont Courthouse was the seat of Nye County's government until 1905. The building is partially restored and offers a glimpse into Nevada's colorful past. A short self-guided trail highlights the historic features of the site. Camping and picnic accommodations are available nearby on public lands or at the Pine Creek Campground (Humboldt-Toiyabe



Belmont Courthouse State Historic Park

National Forest) in Monitor Valley, 20 miles to the north. Tours of the historic Belmont Courthouse are given during summer months. Call the Fallon Region Headquarters for dates and times. The ghost town of Belmont is located 45 miles northeast of Tonopah via U.S. 6, State Route 376 and Monitor Valley Road.

## BERLIN-ICHTHYOSAUR STATE PARK — CENTRAL/NORTHERN NEVADA

HC 61, Box 61200, Austin, NV 89310-9301

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[parks.nv.gov/bi.htm](http://parks.nv.gov/bi.htm)

Berlin, a turn-of-the-century mining town, is preserved in a state of arrested decay. A trail through the town site tells the story of Berlin and its mine. Remains of Ichthyosaurs (pronounced "ick-thee-o-sores"), ancient marine reptiles that swam in a warm ocean covering central Nevada 225 million years ago, are on display at the park's Fossil House. These unique official state



Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park

fossils attract visitors from across the world. A nature trail connects the Fossil House to a nearby campground. Guided tours of the Fossil House and the Diana Mine are offered from Memorial Day to Labor Day. A short distance from the park, visitors can also explore the historic towns of Ione and Grantsville. The park is located 23 miles east of Gabbs on State Route 844. The park is open all year, but winter travel may be prohibited due to snow.

## BIG BEND OF THE COLORADO STATE RECREATION AREA — SOUTHERN NEVADA

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Big Bend is situated on the shores of the Colorado River below Laughlin on Nevada's southern tip. The park offers dramatic views of the river and surrounding mountains. Popular activities include picnicking, fishing, boating, camping, jet skiing, hiking and swimming. Facilities include a new 24-unit RV campground with full utility hookups, restrooms and RV dump station. The park is located five miles south of Laughlin on the Needles Highway. Winters are very mild, with temperatures rarely dipping below freezing.



Cathedral Gorge State Park

## CATHEDRAL GORGE STATE PARK — EASTERN NEVADA

**P.O. Box 176, Panaca, NV 89042**

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[parks.nv.gov/cg.htm](http://parks.nv.gov/cg.htm)**

Cathedral Gorge State Park is renowned for its dramatic, carved cliffs and canyons, remnants of a Pliocene-era lake bed. Visitors from around the world come here to hike on the park's picturesque trails and explore its formations and cathedral-like spires. Miller Point, a scenic overlook, offers magnificent views of the canyon. Hiking, picnicking, camping, nature study, photography and ranger programs are the most common activities at the park. Facilities open all year include a 24-unit campground, RV dump station, restrooms with showers, a group use area and a day use picnic area. Cathedral Gorge is located 165 miles northeast of Las Vegas, via Interstate 15 North. Easy access to the park is also available off U.S. 93, two miles north of Panaca.

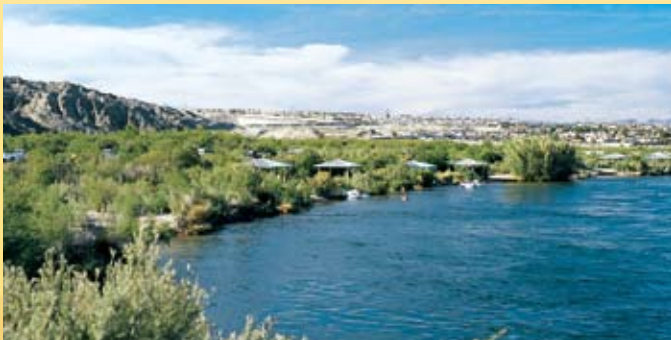
### REGIONAL VISITOR CENTER

The Regional Visitor Center is located at the entrance to Cathedral Gorge and offers interpretive displays and information about eastern Nevada and the region's state parks. The park and visitor center are 165 miles northeast of Las Vegas, via Interstate 15 North, and easy access is available two miles north of Panaca on U.S. 93.



Regional Visitor Center

Big Bend of the Colorado State Recreation Area



## CAVE LAKE STATE PARK — EASTERN NEVADA

**P.O. Box 151761, Ely, NV 89315**

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[parks.nv.gov/cl.htm](http://parks.nv.gov/cl.htm)**

The 4,160-acre Cave Lake State Park is located in the middle of Nevada's Schell Creek Range, bordering the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. A 32-acre reservoir sits at an elevation of 7,300 feet and is known for its excellent trout fishing, crawdad gathering, boating, hiking, picnicking and camping. Facilities include two campgrounds, picnic areas, hiking trails and a boat launch. Ice fishing, cross-country skiing and ice skating are available in the winter. Visitors can also view incredible snow sculptures at the White Pine Fire and Ice Show, a premier winter event in the area. Cave Lake is open year-round, weather permitting, and is located 15 miles southeast of Ely via U.S. 50/6/93 and Success Summit Road.

Cave Lake State Park







Dangberg Home Ranch Historic Park

## DANGBERG HOME RANCH HISTORIC PARK — WESTERN NEVADA

**c/o Mormon Station State Historic Park**

**P.O. Box 302, Genoa, NV 89411**

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**[parks.nv.gov/dr.htm](http://parks.nv.gov/dr.htm)**

The historic Dangberg Home Ranch is one of Nevada's first and largest ranches. The ranch was home to German immigrant Heinrich Friedrich Dangberg, who founded the site in 1857. A local businessman, rancher and politician, Dangberg started his ranch with just a log cabin. At the time of his death in 1904, he had created a 20,000-acre ranching empire that his son, H.F. Dangberg, Jr., later grew to 48,000 acres. More than five acres of the ranch are now owned by Douglas County and managed by Nevada State Parks. The county and state are restoring the original buildings, which include a main house, stone cellar, laundry building, carriage house, garage and bunkhouse. Buildings and original artifacts are on display. The ranch is operated as a museum with tours on Wednesdays and Sundays. Call to make tour reservations. The ranch is located on State Route 88, one mile south of the junction between U.S. 395 and State Route 88.

## DAYTON STATE PARK — WESTERN NEVADA

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**[parks.nv.gov/dsp.htm](http://parks.nv.gov/dsp.htm)**

Dayton State Park is located in the town of Dayton, one of Nevada's earliest Comstock settlements. The Carson River flows through the park and offers fishing and bird watching. The Rock Point Mill, built in 1861, was once used to process rich silver ore from nearby Virginia City. Remnants of the mill are still visible within the park. Picnicking, camping, hiking and group use facilities are available. Dayton State Park is located on U.S. 50, 12 miles east of Carson City.



Echo Canyon State Park

## ECHO CANYON STATE PARK — EASTERN NEVADA

**HC 74, Box 295, Pioche, NV 89043**

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**[parks.nv.gov/ec.htm](http://parks.nv.gov/ec.htm)**

Echo Canyon encompasses a 35-acre reservoir with a campground, picnic area, group use facilities, restrooms and a boat launch. Visitors will enjoy excellent fishing, hiking and camping while taking in the beautiful eastern Nevada scenery. Abundant wildlife, a wide variety of native plants and unique rock formations make for thrilling exploration. Echo Canyon is located 12 miles east of Pioche via State Routes 322 and 323. The park's elevation is 5,200 feet, and although it is open year-round, snow may make winter access difficult.

Dayton State Park



## ELGIN SCHOOLHOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE — **EASTERN NEVADA**

c/o Kershaw-Ryan State Park

P.O. Box 985, Caliente, NV 89008

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[parks.nv.gov/eg.htm](http://parks.nv.gov/eg.htm)

The Elgin Schoolhouse is a historic, single-room school in rural Nevada's Lincoln County. The schoolhouse was used from 1922 through 1967, when its last student reached eighth grade. In 1998, the building was restored to its original appearance and volunteers opened the building for tours by request. It became a part of Kershaw-Ryan State Park in July 2005. The schoolhouse features half of the school's original furnishings – books, teaching material and other items authentic to the time period. Tours are available Thursday through Saturday, April 1st through October 15th, and may be scheduled by calling the park office. Elgin Schoolhouse is located 20 miles south of Caliente in scenic Rainbow Canyon off of State Route 317.



Elgin Schoolhouse State Historic Site

## FORT CHURCHILL STATE HISTORIC PARK — **CENTRAL/NORTHERN NEVADA**

10000 Highway 95A, Silver Springs, NV 89429

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[parks.nv.gov/fc.htm](http://parks.nv.gov/fc.htm)

Fort Churchill, a U.S. Army fort built in 1860, provided protection for early settlers. The fort was deserted nine years later, and ruins are all that remain today. A visitor center displays information and artifacts of the fort's history. The Pony Express and the Overland Telegraph once passed through this area, and nearby Buckland Station was a Pony Express stop. Facilities at Fort Churchill include trails, a campground, picnic area, group use area and access areas to the Carson River. Visitors can experience outstanding hiking,



Fort Churchill State Historic Park

camping, picnicking, photography, horseback riding, canoeing, and historic and environmental education.

Buckland Station was a stage stop, Pony Express station and hotel built in 1870 using materials from the abandoned remains of Fort Churchill. The station is now operated as a museum and serves as a reminder of the industrious spirit of Nevada's early pioneers.

Northeast of the fort are the Carson River Ranches, once privately owned working ranches that were purchased in 1995 by Nevada State Parks. The Carson River meanders through the ranch areas and provides a woodland/river setting unique to northern Nevada. Visitors can hike, camp and also enjoy equestrian facilities.

The state park is located eight miles south of Silver Springs on Alternate U.S. 95.



Buckland Station

## KERSHAW-RYAN STATE PARK — **EASTERN NEVADA**

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[parks.nv.gov/kr.htm](http://parks.nv.gov/kr.htm)

Kershaw-Ryan State Park is situated in a colorful, scenic canyon at the northern end of Rainbow Canyon. The steep canyon walls tower to 700 feet and overlook a long, narrow valley. Early settlers in the area cultivated a garden of grape vines, fruit trees and a grass lawn surrounding a spring-fed pond, providing a beautiful contrast to the rugged landscape. A picnic area, children's wading pool and playground, group use area and trails offer visitors nature study, photography, picnicking and hiking. A 12-unit RV and tent campground is scheduled to open in the fall of 2008. Kershaw-Ryan State Park is located three miles south of Caliente via U.S. 93 and State Route 317.





Lahontan State Recreation Area

## LAHONTAN STATE RECREATION AREA — CENTRAL/NORTHERN NEVADA

**16799 Lahontan Dam, Fallon, NV 89406**  
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**Email: [region3@parks.nv.gov](mailto:region3@parks.nv.gov)**  
**[parks.nv.gov/lah.htm](http://parks.nv.gov/lah.htm)**

Lahontan Reservoir, with 69 miles of shoreline, covers 12,000 surface acres when full and features fishing, boating and waterskiing, as well as camping, picnicking, boat launches, restrooms with showers and RV dump stations. Horseback riding and wildlife viewing are best in spring. Canoeing from Fort Churchill to the lake makes for a great day trip when conditions allow. Lahontan is located on the Carson River, 18 miles west of Fallon and 45 miles east of Carson City via U.S. 50. The park is open year-round and can be accessed from several entrances off of U.S. 50, east of Silver Springs, and from an entrance off of U.S. 95A, south of Silver Springs via Fir Avenue.

Kershaw-Ryan State Park



## LAKE TAHOE NEVADA STATE PARK — WESTERN NEVADA

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**[parks.nv.gov/lt.htm](http://parks.nv.gov/lt.htm)**

Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park offers a number of different areas for visitors to enjoy. Sand Harbor is one of Lake Tahoe's most striking sandy beaches and features a boat launch, restrooms, picnicking, group use areas and a Lake Tahoe informational center – not to mention the new Harbor House Bistro and Beach Goods concessionaire, which offers quality dining and beachwear. Sand Harbor is also home to the Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival, "where for years people have relaxed on Lake Tahoe's pristine beaches with wine and cheese and enjoyed the Bard at his best." Sand Harbor is located three miles south of Incline Village on State Route 28.

Memorial Point and Hidden Beach, situated between Incline Village and Sand Harbor, are areas that offer outstanding views of the lake with more secluded access to its shores.

Spooner Lake, at the intersection of State Route 28 and U.S. 50, is popular for picnicking and catch-and-release fishing. It is also home to the Spooner Lake Outdoor Company, a park concessionaire that offers world-class cross-country skiing in the winter, an overnight stay in backcountry cabins and mountain bike rentals for riding miles of trails in the summer months. Spooner Lake is also a major trailhead for gaining access to the Marlette/Hobart Backcountry. The backcountry is comprised of more than 13,000 acres of forested open space with miles of hiking, equestrian and mountain biking trails. A group use area is also available. Vehicles are not permitted in the backcountry, which has been designated as a state primitive area. A few of the more popular trails in this area are the Marlette and Red House Flume as well as the Tahoe Rim Trail that runs along the crest of the Carson Range.

Cave Rock, located along U.S. 50 near Zephyr Cove, is a popular spot for boat launching, picnicking, swimming and fishing.

Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park





Mormon Station State Historic Park

## MORMON STATION STATE HISTORIC PARK — WESTERN NEVADA

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[parks.nv.gov/ms.htm](http://parks.nv.gov/ms.htm)

Mormon Station is the site of Nevada's first permanent non-native settlement. A replica of the original trading post, built in 1851, houses a museum with pioneer-era artifacts. Picnic and group use facilities are available. Mormon Station is located in the small town of Genoa, 12 miles south of Carson City via U.S. 395 and State Route 206. The museum and group use area are open May through mid-October.

## OLD LAS VEGAS MORMON FORT STATE HISTORIC PARK — SOUTHERN NEVADA

500 E. Washington Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89101

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[parks.nv.gov/olvmf.htm](http://parks.nv.gov/olvmf.htm)

Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park is dedicated to the first permanent, non-native settlers in the Las Vegas Valley – a group of Mormon missionaries who built an adobe fort along Las Vegas Creek in 1855. They successfully farmed the area by diverting water from the creek. Today, the park includes a remnant of the original adobe fort with 12 informational displays. Other portions of the original walls have been reconstructed in their historic location, and a modern visitor's center features more extensive history as well as an ongoing focus on historic interpretation. The park is located in downtown Las Vegas at the intersection of Las Vegas Boulevard and Washington Avenue and is open all year.



Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park

## RYE PATCH STATE RECREATION AREA — CENTRAL/NORTHERN NEVADA

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[parks.nv.gov/rp.htm](http://parks.nv.gov/rp.htm)

Rye Patch Reservoir, along the Humboldt River, covers 11,000 acres when full. Rye Patch is well-known for its trophy-class walleye fishing. Here, visitors also enjoy swimming, boating, waterskiing, hiking, camping and picnicking. Campgrounds, a boat launch, restrooms with hot showers, RV dump stations and picnic sites are provided. Rye Patch is located 22 miles north of Lovelock on Interstate 80 (Exit 129).



Rye Patch State Recreation Area

## SOUTH FORK STATE RECREATION AREA — CENTRAL/NORTHERN NEVADA

353 Lower South Fork #8, Spring Creek, NV 89815

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[parks.nv.gov/sf.htm](http://parks.nv.gov/sf.htm)

South Fork Reservoir covers 1,650 acres and is surrounded by 2,200 acres of wildlife-filled meadowlands and rolling hills. It is popular for hunting, camping, boating, picnicking, swimming, ice fishing, winter sports and wildlife viewing. The park is also known for its trophy-class trout and bass fishing. Facilities include boat launches, a campground, RV dump station, restrooms with showers and a picnic area. Located 16 miles south of Elko on State Route 228, the park is open year-round but access may be hampered by snow during the winter months.



South Fork State Recreation Area



Spring Mountain Ranch State Park

## SPRING MOUNTAIN RANCH STATE PARK — SOUTHERN NEVADA

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The historic Spring Mountain Ranch is located near the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, beneath the colorful cliffs of the magnificent Wilson Range. The many springs in these mountains provided water for Paiute Indians and later brought mountain men and early settlers to the area. Past owners of the ranch included millionaire Howard Hughes, Chester Lauck of the radio comedy team “Lum & Abner” and German actress Vera Krupp. Scheduled, guided tours through the ranch house and other historic ranch buildings are available throughout the week. The ranch visitor center is open daily. Park facilities include a tree-shaded picnic area, scenic hiking trails and a cultural events pavilion. Popular activities include picnicking, living history events, hiking and wildlife viewing. Spring Mountain Ranch also hosts Super Summer Theatre, an organization dedicated to bringing high quality productions to the people of southern Nevada. Shows run in June, July and August with some special productions in September. The park is located 15 miles west of Las Vegas on State Route 159 (Blue Diamond Highway).

## SPRING VALLEY STATE PARK — EASTERN NEVADA

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Spring Valley State Park

Spring Valley State Park offers water-oriented recreation at the 65-acre Eagle Valley Reservoir. The park features a boat launch, picnic areas, camping facilities, restrooms with showers and an RV dump station. Visitors can also enjoy hiking, exploring and touring the historic Stone Cabin Museum. The park is located 20 miles east of Pioche via State Route 322. Spring Valley State Park is open all year, although snow may make winter travel difficult.

## VALLEY OF FIRE STATE PARK — SOUTHERN NEVADA

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[parks.nv.gov/vf.htm](http://parks.nv.gov/vf.htm)**

Dedicated in 1935, Valley of Fire State Park is Nevada’s largest state park. Striking red sandstone formations and the stark beauty of the Mojave Desert mark the park’s renowned landscape. Ancient trees and early humans are represented throughout the park by areas of petrified wood and 3,000-year-old Indian petroglyphs. Popular park activities include camping, hiking, picnicking and photography. A new 22-unit RV campground loop featuring individual site electrical and water hookups complements an additional 49 tent and trailer campsites. The park offers a full-scale visitor center with extensive informational displays. Valley of Fire was voted the “Best Park/Nature Area” and the “Best Scenic Drive” in southern Nevada by the readers of *Nevada Magazine*. The park is located six miles from Lake Mead and 55 miles northeast of Las Vegas via Interstate 15 or 75 miles via Lake Mead Northshore Road. The park is open all year.



Valley of Fire State Park

## WALKER LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA — CENTRAL/NORTHERN NEVADA

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Walker Lake is one of the last remnants of an ancient inland sea that covered much of western Nevada nearly 10,000 years ago. Fishing, boating and picnicking are all popular activities. Facilities include shade ramadas, tables and grills. Walker Lake State Recreation Area is located 11 miles north of Hawthorne on U.S. 95. The park is open all year.

Walker Lake State Recreation Area







Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park

## WARD CHARCOAL OVENS STATE HISTORIC PARK

### — EASTERN NEVADA

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[parks.nv.gov/ww.htm](http://parks.nv.gov/ww.htm)**

Ward Charcoal Ovens features six historic, beehive-shaped ovens that were built by Italian craftsmen and used in the late 19th century to make charcoal for smelting ore from nearby silver mines. Today, the park offers facilities for picnicking, hiking and camping. Other features include forest woodlands, lush riparian areas, access to dedicated off-highway vehicle trails and outstanding views of the Steptoe Valley and surrounding mountains. The park is located seven miles south of Ely via U.S. 50/6/93, then 11 miles southwest on Cave Valley Road. Cave Valley Road is a maintained gravel road accessible by passenger vehicles year-round, but access may be hampered by snow during winter months.

## WASHOE LAKE STATE PARK — WESTERN NEVADA

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[parks.nv.gov/wl.htm](http://parks.nv.gov/wl.htm)**

Washoe and Little Washoe Lakes are located in the heart of scenic Washoe Valley, between Carson City and Reno. Here, visitors will find spectacular views of the majestic Carson portion of the Sierra Nevada mountain range. Popular activities include nature study, bird watching, hiking, horseback riding, picnicking, windsurfing, waterskiing,



Washoe Lake State Park

jet skiing, swimming, camping and fishing. Two campgrounds, boat launches, a group use area, day use picnic sites, restrooms with showers, an RV dump station and equestrian trailhead are available. A wetlands area with a viewing tower and interpretive displays is located south of the main entrance. Here, visitors can view more than 100 different bird species during bird-watching season. The park is located on Eastlake Boulevard, 10 miles north of Carson City and 15 miles south of Reno off of U.S. 395.



Washoe Lake State Park

## WILD HORSE STATE RECREATION AREA

### — CENTRAL/NORTHERN NEVADA

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Wild Horse State Recreation Area occupies 120 acres on the shore of Wild Horse Reservoir. Visitors to the area enjoy camping, picnicking, hunting, fishing and boating. Wild Horse Reservoir commonly boasts the state's lowest winter temperatures, which are ideal for ice fishing. Facilities include campgrounds, an RV dump station, boat launch, restrooms with showers and a ranger station. The park is open year-round, but access may be hindered by snow in winter months. The park, at an elevation of 6,205 feet, is located 67 miles north of Elko on State Route 225.

Wild Horse State Recreation Area

